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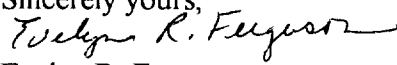
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing in support of the Center for Science in Public Interest's petition to the Food and Drug Administration that asks that approval be withdrawn for the use of antibiotics to promote growth in animals. Having lost a good friend who was the father of three young children to an infection that was resistant to the antibiotics that were available, I am painfully aware of the importance of keeping the antibiotics we do have as effective as possible. Giving them to animals merely to increase their growth and the food industry's profits is not acceptable because, as in the case of my friend, human lives are being lost.

I urge you to do whatever is necessary to stop this practice so that people who need them will have effective antibiotics. I realize that the use of antibiotics in animals to promote growth is only one of the steps that must be taken to preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics, but it is an important one.

Thank you for your attention to, and I hope your work on behalf of, this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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